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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, AS, US
SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TRANET EQUIPMENT

REF: A. CANBERRA 4779
B. CANBERRA 4979
C. STATE 162164

1. REFERENCE C WAS, IN OUR MIND, MOST RESPONSIVE TO QUESTIONS
POSED IN REFS A AND B. HOWEVER, THE INTENSE SENSITIVITIES OF
GOA RELATIVE TO JOINT US/AUSTRALIAN DEFENSE VENTURES REQUIRES
FURTHER AND MORE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION BE PROVIDED. WE BELIEVE
THAT FACTORS GENERATING THESE SENSITIVITIES ARE ADEQUATELY
DESCRIBED IN REF A AND NEED NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. SUFFICE IT
TO SAY, THE GOA, SPECIFICALLY, MR. HAMILTON, FIRST ASST. SEC'Y
FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY (FASSIP), IS NOT YET
REASSURED THAT GOA IS FULLY INFORMED ON FACTORS RELATING TO
TRANET.

2. MOST RECENT QUESTIONS POSED ARE AS FOLLOWS: QTE. WE STILL
REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: A. DETAILS OF PUBLIC REFER-
ENCES TO THE PROPOSED EQUIPMENT UPDATE INCLUDING ANY REFERENCES
TO IT IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARING. B. TECHNICAL DETAILS

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THE PROPOSED NEW EQUIPMENT. C. A STATEMENT OF ALL PRESENT
AND PRESENTLY ENVISAGED US PROGRAMS INVOLVING USE OF
TRANET STATION 112. D. US VIEWS ON THE NEED TO REVISE THE
EXISTING EXCHANGES OF NOTES WHICH CONSTITUTE "AN AGREEMENT
FOR COOPERATION IN THE TRANSIT NAVIGATIONAL SATELLITE
PROGRAM" ONLY, AND THE NEED FOR A NEW COOPERATING AGENCIES
AGREEMENT. UNQTE.

3. IN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THE FASSIP, WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT QUESTIONS B AND D HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY ANSWERED BY REF C. FURTHER, WE HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED HIM ALL CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED TRANET APPLICATIONS KNOWN TO US. THESE APPLICATIONS WERE GARNERED FROM REF C AND FROM A MESSAGE RECEIVED THROUGH SPECIAL CLASSIFIED CHANNELS WITH DATE TIME GROUP 010129 JUL 78. THE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ARE: ARE THERE ANY OTHER PROGRAMS OR APPLICATIONS OF WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE WHICH SHOULD BE PASSED TO GOA? AND: WHAT ARE THEY ADDITIONAL "PRESENTLY ENVISAGED" PROGRAMS, IF ANY?

4. IN DEVELOPING YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION A, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT THE QUESTION SPECIFICALLY RELATES TO THE TRANET UPDATE, REPEAT UPDATE, PROGRAM. AS NOTED IN REF B, GOA IS MOST CONCERNED THAT SOME DISCUSSION OF THE TRANET UPDATE MAY APPEAR IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD AND THUS SET OFF JOURNALISTIC INQUIRIES AND CHARGES THAT THE USG IS AGAIN TAKING UNILATERAL ACTIONS WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT OF THE GOA.

5. YOUR PRIORITY ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER IS APPRECIATED.
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